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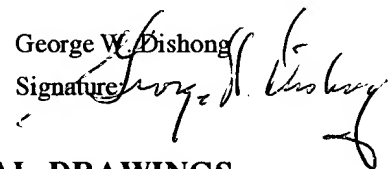
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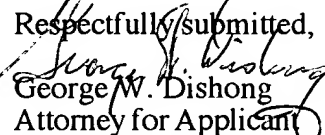
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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Applicant is transmitting herewith for filing the Eleven (11) "REPLACEMENT SHEETS" of formal drawings for the above referenced patent application. In the Notice of Allowability which accompanied the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due, dated September 29, 2004 it was noted that CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted and per paragraph (a) the "replacement sheets" of the original filed drawings filed Jan. 31, 2002 are included herewith.

It is clearly noted that Fig. 6, which was included with Fig. 5 on sheet 5/10, is now shown as Fig. 6 on replacement sheet 7/11 and Fig. 5 is only shown on replacement sheet 5/11. Fig. 5A original sheet 6/10 is now Fig. 5A on replacement sheet 6/11. Such is the reason for 11 replacement sheets of the 10 originally filed sheets of drawings. Figs. 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F and 6G of original sheet 7/10 are now all on replacement sheet 8/11. Further, Figs. 7, 7A and 8 were original sheets 8/10, 9/10 and 10/10 and are now respectively replacement sheets 9/11, 10/11 and 11/11.

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